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SUBJ: BRITISH PUSH SAFEGUARDS INITIATIVE

1. ON FEBRUARY 24 THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED UPON FOREIGN SECRETARY DESIGNATE J.S. MEHTA TO REQUEST INDIAN SUPPORT FOR THE BRITISH INITIATIVE ON A NEW SAFEGUARDS STUDY BY THE IAEA. SIR MICHAEL TOLD MEHTA THAT THE INITIATIVE REPRESENTED A PERSONAL PROJECT OF FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND FOR THAT REASON LOOMED PROMINENTLY IN BRITISH DIPLOMACY THIS YEAR. MEHTA WAS NON-COMMITTAL, BUT NEITHER THE PREVIOUS SECRETARY (EAST) TRIVEDI OR MEA'S DISARMAMENT EXPERT, K.P. JAIN, HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN RECEPTIVE TO THE BRITISH INITIATIVE. THE BRITISH BELIEVE THE INDIANS WOULD BE ISOLATED IF THEY DO NOT SUPPORT THE BID, AND SIR MICHAEL IMPLIED AS MUCH IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH METHA.

2. MEHTA ASKED ABOUT THE LONDON SUPPLIER'S CONFERENCE. SIR MICHAEL SAID HE COULD NOT DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

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3. OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES HERE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WITH

THE SHIFT IN TOP JOBS AT THE MEA THERE MAY BE SOME  
RETHINKING BY THE INDIANS ON ARMS CONTROL AND NUCLEAR  
MATTERS. WE SEE NO SIGNS OF IT YET, BUT WILL BE  
PROBING OURSELVES AND WATCHING THE OUTCOME OF THE  
INDO-CANADIAN NUCLEAR TALKS THIS WEEK FOR SUGGESTIONS  
OF NEW POLICY LINES.  
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